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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/673,629	Applicant(s) DELUCA ET AL.	
	Examiner San-ming Hui	Art Unit 1617	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The application is a divisional application of 09/616,164.

Applicant's preliminary amendments filed September 29, 2003 have been entered. Cancellation of claims 1-17 and 23-29 is acknowledged.

Claims 18-22 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deluca et al (US Patent 5,843,928).

Deluca et al. teaches a genus of vitamin D compounds including 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, an exemplified compound, as useful in treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer (See claim 32, also col. 4, lines 43-47). Deluca et al. also teaches the vitamin D compounds therein, in a dosage of 0.01 to 100mcg/day as useful in treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer (See col. 4, lines 43-52).

Deluca et al. does not specifically teach 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ as useful in treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, in the herein claimed dosage, in a method of treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, in the herein claimed dosage, in a method of treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer. It is known that the vitamin D compounds of Deluca as useful to treat leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer. Possessing teachings of Deluca et al., one of skilled artisan would have motivated to employ any of the vitamin D compounds of Deluca et al., including 2-methylene-19-nor-20(S)-1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, in the method of treating leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer.

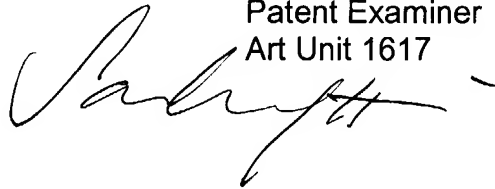
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to San-ming Hui whose telephone number is (571) 272-0626. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon 9:00 to 1:00, Tu - Fri from 9:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan, PhD., can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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San-ming Hui
Patent Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'San-ming Hui', is written over the printed name and title.